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BOLD FORGERY FOR \$24,000.

SPURIOUS DRAFT FROM HAVANA ON AUGUST BELMONT & CO.

Backed Up by a Forged Letter of Introduction from Hidaigo & Co.-An Operation that Smells Strongly of the Audaclous-Men Who Chented Havana Banks.

The banking house of August Belmont & Co. is said to have been the victim of the biggest awindling operation that has been worked in Wall street in the last ten years. The date was March 12, and the amount was \$24,000 in cash. Detectives have been after the swindler, but at last accounts no trace of him at all had been found. The matter was kept secret until about a week ago, and since then several stories have been in circulation. The members of the firm. while not denying any of them, have refused to make any statement in regard to them. The swindling was done by means of a forged sight draft and forged letters and was in many respects like recent swindles perpetrated on two banks in Cuba.

One of the passengers on the Ward line steamship Saratoga, which arrived from Havana on March 11, was listed as Manuel Gonzales Mendoza, He was about 50 years of age, appeared to be a Spaniard, and spoke only Spanish on the steamship. He travelled alone. He arked to be directed to a Spanish hotel, and was



advised to go to the Hotel America in Irving place. He registered there and spent the day at the hotel. He got acquainted with a number of

which he never doubted was all right.

Mendoza didn't appear to be put out at all.

The next morning after he had had his breakfast, he went down to the office and asked the clerk where he could find an interpreter, as he wanted to go to 23 Nassau street, which is the Belmont banking house, and get a large sum of money. The interpreter of the hotel is a young South American named Gentine, and the clerk sent Mendoza to him. The two went down to Mr. Belmont's office, and, as the story goes, Mendoza introduced himself by presenting a letter of introduction addressed to Mr. Belmont and purporting to be signed by one of the members of Hidalgo & Co. Then he presented his draft for \$24,000. He was treated courteonaly, but was told that he must be personally identified, as was usual in such cases before money was paid.

Mendoza shrugged his shoulders, held out his hands, palms upward, and exclaimed: "But I am a foreigner. I have just arrived on the ship. I cannot even speak English. How do you think I can know any person in New York?"

It was explained that despite these misfortunes Belmont & Co, could not cash the draft.

"There are many people in New York," said the member of the firm who talked to him."

"we come from the tsland of Cuba, and who certainly can identify a man from Havana."

Mendoza shrugged his shoulders again and shook his head in a despatring sort of a way. Finally he was asked whether he knew Mr. G. de Zaldo.

"Perhaps," said Mendoza, brightening up:

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every time the audience laughed Mendoza made him translate what was said on the stage; but he noticed, too, he said, that several times when the performers sang some funny couplets Mendoza laughed heartily, more heartily before they were translated than he did afterward, the couplets being very difficult to translate. They got back to the notel about 11 o'clock, Mr. Mendoza being considerably under the weather. He went into the barroom and drank several times, and displayed a great roll of money. He counted out in the presence of the interpreter elabteen \$1,000 tills and displayed a roll of bills of smaller denomination. He paid the interpreter \$20 for his services. He spent money freely. He went to bed about midnight, came down the next morning, paid his bill, told the clerk he was going to Chicago to buy work, and has not since been heard of. While he had said he could speak nothing but Spanish, he talked that evening, in the barroom of the hotel, Italian and English.

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August Belmont & Co., after paying the \$24,000 to Mr. Mendova, of course notified Hidaigo & Co., in Havana, that Mendova had called with his letter of introduction and had received the money. In the course of time they got back a letter from Hidaigo & Co. informing them that there must be some mistake; that they didn't know Mahuel Gonzales Mendova; that they had never issued any draft to him, and had never given him a letter of introduction to Mr. Belmont. They did not understand the matter at all. Belmont & Co. immediately called in the detectives, though so far as is known the police authorities of the city were not notified. The detectives have haunted the Hotel America; they have saked every arrival from Havana whether he is acquainted with Gonzales Mendova. They have talked with the interpreter, with the clerks, and to everybody else, but not a soul has been able to tell them anything more than is related here. There appears to he some difference of opinion between the two banking liouses as to who is responsible for the swindle and who shall lose the money. The matter is said not to have been settled yet, Mr. de Zaldo refused to make any statement for Hidaigo & Co. yesterday. not to have been settled yet. Mr. de Zaido re-fused to make any statement for Hidalgo & Co. resterday.
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It is believed that there was more than one man in the swindle, and that it was the work of a gang in Havana who make a business of awindling banking houses there and their correspondents abroad. The Spanish Bank of the island of Cuba is one of the victims of the same research the confirmation of the hand of the bank with a letter of credit for introduction from the Governor of the bank. At the same time the officials in the Paris office of introduction from the Governor of the bank. At the same time the officials in the Paris did the credit, and telling them that Mr. Piani was and had left orders that a part of this sum be paid to him in Paris if he requested so by cable. The Paris bankers went to Mr. Piani and asked him if he needed any more. He said he did just them, but told them they would receive or does to pay tim from Havana. The next does not to pay more without forther investments. They said Nr. Piani 10,000 frants the middle than they would receive or does to pay the from Havana. The next does not to pay more without forther investments. They paid Nr. Piani 10,000 frants and they it in the credit of the Spanish Bank interfered the parts them to pay Mr. Piani 10,000 frants and they it in the parts then to pay the free next the work in the was the regulation of the house not to pay more without forther investments. The yard Nr. Piani when they received another cable. They each with the work as work to this more than the vertical than the was the regulation of the house not to pay more without forther investments. The paid Nr. Piani 10,000 frants and they had never the pay t

the hotel. He got acquainted with a number of people. Among them was a Mr. Waterland, a Cuban. They taiked over the war in Cuba, and Mendoza confided to Mr. Waterland, and Mendoza confided to Mr. Waterland that he had come to America to make money importing pork and other foodstuffs to Cuba. The war, he said, had killed the industries of the island, and it would be only a short time when there would be a great scarcity of food. Mr. Waterland agreed with him that there was a fine chance to make money, and Mendoza, to show that he was well off, produced a draft purporting to be drawn by José Hédalgo & Co. of Havana on August Believed the benkers to cash the draft eithout any one to identify him, and Mendoza and it would be allowed by the service of the capital file of the expected the benkers to cash the draft eithout any one to identify him, and Mendoza and it would be all right.

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BOOMERS IN CONFUSION.

STONISHED BY MIKINERS STRENGTH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In Washington Supporters of Other Candidates at Pirat Refused to Credit the Bulletins from Concord - Democrats Joke About Sennter Chaudler's Convention.

WASHINGTON, March 31. - New Hampshire's left handed endorsement of Thomas B. Reed as its Presidential candidate was the leading topic at the Capitol to-day. Bulletins announcing that the Convention had escaped from the co trol of Senator Chandler, and setting forth that the "pure and able" statesman, William McKiney. Jr., of Ohio, would be as satisfactory a President.al candidate as the "noble and filustrious", Thomas B. Reed of Maine, were circulated in both the Senate and the House, to the amusement as well as astonishment of the members.

The anti-McKinley men could hardly believe the evidence of their eyes when they read the tribute to the candidate who, Senator Chandler says, is in league with a lot of politicians who are frying the fat out of manufacturers for the purpose of corrupting the voters and bringing about his nomination, and for a time it was thought that the report of what the Con vention had done was a loke at Mr. Chandler's expense. The truth soon became known, how ever, and the McKinley men at once began to claim a great victory, and to point out to their opponents that this action of New Hamp shire Republicans was another straw showing

Candidate Allison heard the news without betraying the slightest surprise or interest. He read the first bulletin, smiled one of his biandest smiles, and hurried into the Senate chamber. On his way he encountered ex-Candidate Davis of Minnesota, who exchanged a few words on the subject which was monopolizing the attention of the Republicans at both ends of the Canitol.

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Senator Hill appeared to derive more amuse-ment from the announcement than the most ardent supporter of McKinley. It was a good opportunity for bim to indulge in a little fun at the expense of his enemy, Senator Chandler, so he laughingly remarked that it was now in order to move to amond the Peffer resolution providing for an investigation of the recent bond issues so as to include an investigation of the methods employed by the friends of Mr. McKinley in New Hampshire and elsewhere. Representative Grosvenor of Ohio re-marked:

marked:
"I advised Chandler to stay away from that
Convention, but he would not heed my advice.
I suppose he will now charge that Mark Hanna
got in his dreadful work among the New
Hampshire delegates."

Representative Houtelle of Maine, while e

Gen. Harrison Leaves for New York. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 31.-Gen. Harrison and party left this afternoon at 2:45 on the Pennsylvania Railroad for New York. Besides the General's two children, Mrs. McKee and itusseli H. Harrison, Daniel P. Ransdell and his private secretary. E. F. Tibbetts, accompanied him. The Harrison homestead has been put in order for the bride.

CULLOM LOSES HIS DISTRICT. McKintey Delegates Chosen from the Senator's Home,

DECATUR, Ill., March 31.-The Republicans of the Thirteenth Congress district (Senator Cul-lom's home district) met here to-day to name a candidate for Congress, but the fight and interest centred in the selection of the delegates to

the National Convention.
Cullom's friends made a hard fight to have them go uninstructed or else be instructed for him. They failed to gain their point, however, H. Crea of this city and J. Otis Humphrey of Springfield were named as delegates. Strong solutions instructing them to vote for every thing pertaining to the nomination of McKinley

were adopted unanimously.

It was a signal defeat for Senator Cullom Major A. J. Connolly of Springfield was renominated for Congress. - . .

GOV. HUGHES ASSAULTED

On the Same Day He Receives Notice that He Has Been Removed from Office,

PHOENIX, Arls., March 31,-P. J. Clark yes terday assaulted L. C. Hughes, Governor of Arizona, while the latter was standing on a street corner reading a letter. The Governor's glasses were broken and his face was consid erably cut. Bystenders interferred and Clark was hurried to jail and later released on bail. Clark, while acting as correspondent of the Denver News, sent a telegram about Gov.

Hughes for which he was discharged, the pa per subsequently making an apology for its publication. Yesterday afternoon Secretary of the Ter-ritory Bruce received a despatch from Wash-

ington reading: "Order for Gov. Hughes's removal signed by

the President today. "REYNOLDS, "Acting Secretary of the Interior." The news soon spread and caused much surprise. The Governor said he had received no other intimation of his removal. One year ago charges were preferred against him by members

charges were prefer all against him by members of the Democratic party, some of them dating back twenty-five years. Special agents of the Interior Department were sent here to examine into them. The Governor apparently answered the accusations satisfactorily, for nothing was done toward his removal.

He requested that the department inform him if he had failed to refute the charges in a single instance, and informed Secretary Smith that his resignation was ready at any time it might be wanted. Through a friend the Governor has received the most positive assurances during the past three months that the President and Secretary Smith were entirely satisfied with him and he need give himself no uncastness, and he had no intimation that other charges had been preferred within twelve months. Hence the news was a surprise to him, and he was at a loss to conceive the cause for this action.

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He says he will ask for a thoroush examination by the Senate into the causes which promoted the President to remove him, and will meet all charges that may be preferred.

B. J. Franklin, who has been nominated by the President for Governor, is a lawyer of ability and stands well here. During President Cleveland's first Administration he was Minigress from Missouri.

NELLIE SMITH'S NARROW ESCAPE. Helped Hyde to Save Her.

PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., March 31.-But for the prompt and heroic action of Daniel Hyde yesterday afternoon Nellie Smith, the five-yearold daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith would have been drowned in the mill pond. Hyde was standing in his store when he was notified by a product boy of the circumstances. He ran for the pond, and, without waiting to strip off coat or vest, plunged in. As he came to the surface he saw that a big mastiff was keeping the child's head above water. The causeway bulkhead separating the pond from the bay is three feet above the surface of the

the bay is three feet above the surface of the water.

The dog was able to keep the child from sinking, but he couldn't climb the bulkhead. The dog clung to the child, and it was only after a desperate struggle, which almost entirely exhausted him, that Hyde drove the dog off. Then he was confronted with the problem of how to climb the bulkhead. Fortunately the boy who told Hyde of the child's peril had gone on to the home of Nellie's mother and repeated the story to her. Mrs. Smith started for the pond as fast as she could travel. She arrived none too soon, for Hyde was about played out. She leaned far over the bulkhead and took her none too soon, for Hyde was about played out. She leaned far over the butkhead and took her child in her arms. Then she helped Hyde up.

The mastiff, Rover, and the child had been romping along the causeway together, the dog jumping up against the child at every other step. Over and over the girl and Rover rolled, and as fast as the child was knocked down she arese and resumed the play. While wrestling with the dog Nellie was thrown into the cond. with the dog Neilie was thrown into the pond.

WESLEYAN'S CALORIMETER. A. M. Smith Finishes His Eighth Day in

HARTFORD, March 31 .- A. M. Smith to-day completed his eighth day in the calorimeter at Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Part of the time he has spent in hard muscular labor and part in study and reading. This morning he was well and hearty, and expressed his deermination to stay in the box until Saturday. He was engaged to-day in filing a hard piece of He was engaged to-day in filing a hard piece of iron, and as a result the record of his temperature showed a decided rise, and the heat generated by his exertions caused a moisture to collect on the copper sides of his apartments.

The calorimeter is lined on the inside with copper, next is a lining of zinc, and the outside is finely matched yellow pine. The air is sent in through a freezer, which removes all the moisture.

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The air is warmed later by an electric light. All the air that is expelled is drawn out of the cage through pipes in which are chemicals which collect the carbonic acid gas and other ingredients. Over 200 sheets of foolscap paper have been used so far in recording the results of the experiments.

CONFIDING MAN FROM NEW YORK Miller Went to Danbury and Fell Among

Country Thleves, DANBURY, Conn., March 31.-Frank P. Miller of New York city came to Danbury yesterday to see a friend. He did not find his friend, but met an accommodating young man who knew all about the friend. His new-found friend showed him how to open a trick purse. A stranger came into the place and the New York-

-Miller's first-made friend suggested that they follow the stranger and get the money back. Miller was decoyed into a dark alley and robbed of all his money and valuables. He complained to the police and the thieves were arrested. They were John Carner and John Riler, well-known confidence men. This morating Miller asked the Selectmen to pay his fare to New York. He told them that he had enough of the country. He said he lived in West Fifty-first street.

CONFLICTS WITH STRONG'S DATE Wurster Sets His Consolidation Hearing for To-morrow Afternoon.

Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn announced yes terday that he would hold the first hearing on the Greater New York bill at the City Hall to morrow afternoon at the same time that Mayor Strong will have the heaving in this city. The anti-consolidationists will probably have the first say, and last night they arranged to make a big demonstration and trot out their foremost graturs.

J. T. Ringgold Scat to Juli. BALTIMORE, March 31 .- James T. Ringgold

a well-known member of the Haltimore bar, and at one time dean of the Baltimore University law school, was committed to jail to-day, charged with striking his sister-in-law. Mrs. Mary fixed.

Last night he attempted to enter his wife's sick chamber. He carried a large knife, and Mrs. Reed refused to admit him. He drove the servants from the house with the knife, and when Mrs. Reed tried to quiet him, atruck her in the face. It is thought that his mind is unbalanced.

Bon't He April Fooled By the fresh joing drug clerk who talls you that some other resulty for a cough or cold is "just as good" as hiker's Expectorant.—Adm.

A CABLE CAR SMASH-UP.

SIX MEN HURT AT SEVENTH AVENUE AND FIFIT-THIED STREET.

Head-on Collision Between a Broadway Car and a Columbus Avenue Car Which Was Rounding the Curve at Great Speed -Both Cars Wrecked-Flagman Blamed.

The dangerous curves and switches combined on the Metropolitan Traction Company's cable roads at Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue, which have already been the scene of several accidents, caused a collision last evening be tween two cable cars, in which half a dozen persons were injured. Two of these were sent to Roosevelt Hospital for treatment. They were John Hanley, a gripman, of 535 West Fiftieth street, who is suffering from serious bruises and Internal injuries, and Arthur Messiter, an artist, 17 years old, of 133 West Eighty-fourth street, whose side and arm were badly bruised, while some of his teeth were knocked out. Others who were hurt were Sigfried Schlnechterer, 31 years old, of 50 West Ninety-sixth street, whose left hand was cut and bruised; Joseph Rogers, a gripman, of 513 West Fifty-fourth street; H. L. Friedman of 55 East Fifty-ninth street, who was badly cut over the right eye by broken glass, and George Scholer, address not taken, who was peppered all over the face with a shower of broken glass. All of these had their injuries dressed at Peter de Loughrey's drug

The accident occurred about 6:30 o'clock. A this hour every car bound up town was filled with passengers, while those bound down town were comparatively empty. The collision occurred betwees an up-bound Columbus avenue car, numbered 170, and Broadway car 199, bound down town. The Columbus avenue car had just come from down town, and contained about forty passengers. Some of these were standing, and one of them, young Messiter, was standing beside the gripman on the front platform. The gripman of this car was John Hanley, and the conductor was Charles Scholer

of 125 Stanton street.

The car went up past Filty-second street, beyond the green light that stands as a warning signal about the middle of the block, and there Hanley brought it to a stop on the east track, waiting for a signal to proceed.

The Broadway car had come to a similar stop The Broadway car had come to a similar stop on the west track, that above Fifty-third street, waiting also for a signal to go ahead. This car had in it only three or four passengers. It was in charge of Gripman Oscar Casno of 412 West Fiftieth street and Conductor William H. Flynn of 56 Morton street.

Between where the two cars had halted were the switches which divert the Columbus avenue cars into Fifty-third street on their way up town, or bring them upon the Seventh avenue tracks coming down, and carry the Broadway cars straight past Fifty-third street up and down the avenue.

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To guard this point of danger the Metropolitan Traction Company keeps two men constantly on duty. One of these warns passers by on the crossings of danger and the other is the signal man. This signal man stands opposite Fifty-third street, where he can see the cars approaching him from that street and also from each hand on Seventh avenue.

Every car nearing his station must come to a hait and await his signal to start. To signal to Columbus avenue car to go ahead he waves his lantern or flag in a circle at the height of his hreast. To signal to Hroadway cars he waves them back and forth at the height of his knees. William Snow is said to have been the signal man on duty last night. He is said to be an old employee of the road, but a new man at this place.

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Everybody seems to agree that Snow gave the Everybody seems to agree that Show gave the signal for the Columbus areause car to go ahead, and Gripman Hanley screwed down the griphard, as the rules require in rounding curves, and the car started for Fifty-third street with the full speed of the cable, about nine miles an beautiful speed of the cable, about nine miles an Casno, the gripman of the Broadway car, says

Casno, the gripman of the Broadway car, says that he also got a signal to go ahead. He says he had only been a gripman two days, and he may have been mistaken, but, at any rate, he evidently believed he was right, so he let go his brake and his cor began to float down the steep grade there, toward the curve on which the other car was whizzing up.

"When I saw that the cars were bound to come together," said Casno last night, "It was too late for me to do anything to stop mine."

The cars struck each other at the crossing with a crash that was heard blocks away. The Broadway car's platform struck the other platform on its right-hand quarter. The Broadway car being almost empty and also free from the cable, it rose and its platform slid over the plat-Broadway car's platform struck the other platform on its right-hand quarter. The Broadway car being almost empty and also free from the cable, it rose and its platform shid over the platform of the Columbus avenue car, carrying away the latter's dashboard, gates, and stanchlons and crushing these up against Gripman Hanley and Artist Messiter, pinning them fast and crushing them against the car's front. Had the blow been exactly end on they would inevitably have been killed. As it was, the great weight of the blow feil upon the right-hand corner of the Columbus avenue car, wrenching the car from end to end and sending all the glass in that side of the car flying in fragments.

The carrying away of the grip wheel released the grip of the Columbus avenue car, and both cars came to a stop amid the cries of the hurt and frightened passengers. Within a little time there was a crowd of thousands of persons about the scene. All the persons who were hurt were passengers in the Columbus avenue car. It took half an hour to get the two damased cars off the tracks and into the barns at Fiftleth street, and the tracks were blocked for that length of time.

At the hospital it was said last night that Messiter had sent for his mother to come for him, as he felt well enough to go home, but that the extent of Hanley's injuries could not yet be told. Still, it was not believed that he was seriously hurt.

Before peeple who were standing around had stopped talking about the collision another accident occurred at the depot at Fiftieth street. One of Park & Tilford's wagons, while going across town, was run down, and one of its hind wheels crushed. People living in the neighborhood say that hat night's accident is the counterpart of two others which have occurred at the same piace within a year. It was at this point, also, that a colored bicycle tutor was killed last summer.

COLLISION IN CENTRAL PARK.

Reckless Drivers Locked Up for Resenting a Rebuke. Hector A. De Zayas, Edward F. Byckoff, and Agon Merwig were arrested in Central Park last evening on the charge of assault, preferred by Jeremiah Murphy of 430 Columbus avenue. De Zayas was also charged with reckless driving. The three young men, while driving in a carriage along the west drive, collided with anriage along the west drive, collided with another carriage at Eighty-first street. This was driven by Martin Henderson of 918 Ninth avenue. In the vehicle were Miss Mollie Park and Miss Lillian Alliagton of 110 Eighth avenue. When the colliston occurred both carriages came to a stop. The women became frightened and began to scream. The noise attracted Jeremiah Murphy, who was passing, and he remain Murphy, who was passing, and he remonstrated with the three young men for the reckless manner in which they were driving. They called him vite hames, and getting out of their carriage assaulted him with their fists. They were arrested by Politeman John J. O'Brien of the Park police and taken to the Arsenal, De Zayas and Byckoff live at the Hotel Normandie, and Merwig lives at 1334 West Thirty-second street.

Mayor Gleason Nays \$14,000 More Taxes

Should Have Been Collected. Mayor Patrick J. Gleason appeared before the Water Board of Long Island City last night and said that the accounts of the old Water and Fire Boards had been examined, and that irregularities had been discovered. The Mayor said that the Astoria veneer works, the Stein said that the Astoria veneer works, the Stein-way Piano Company, and the property of the late Sylvester (fray and the Young has factory were favored in the assessment.

Through this neglect the Mayor said that in-stead of \$50,000 in 1895 but \$30,000 was col-lected. A resolution was introduced to author-ize the employment of an accountant to investi-gate the accounts of the old Water and Fire Boards. The Mayor said that he had a bill be-fore the Assembly requiring that all of the ac-counts of the city departments be investigated, but that the measure was being opposed by City Treasurer Lucieu Knapp.

All Quiet in Hayti.

Minister Haentjens of the Harrian Legation received yesterday morning the following cablegram from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs at Port-au-Prince:

"Perfect tranquility prevalls. Chambers have met. Election of President will take place

CHILD STRANGLED WHILE AT PLAY. His Read Caught in the Transom of Closet in Which He Had Been Locked.

When Mr. and Mrs. David McFadden went out at 6:30 o'clock last evening they left their two children playing about their home on the second floor at 457 West Thirty-seventh street. Johnny, who was 9 years old, suggested ' and seek." and his little sister Mary, who is 5, thought it great fun. Finally Johnny hid in the small clothes closet just off the parlor, and

Mary locked the door. Above the door there is a small transom about ten inches in height, in which there is set a glassless window frame. The frame is held in place by two pegs, one at each side at the centre, and upon these it turns easily. When the boy found that he could not open the door he climbed up to the transom, and, turning the frame, pushed his head between it and the top of the door. When Mary looked up Johnny cried "Peekabool" and then tried to pull his

The frame turned, and the boy's head was caught in a vise-like grip. At that moment Mrs. McFadden entered the room. She tried to extricate the child. So tightly wedged in was the boy's head that she could not move him, so she ran into the hall, crying for help. Alexan-der Armstrong, who lives on the floor above got an ave and with it he cut away the sach The boy's body dropped into his mother's arms. He was dead of strangulation.

ELDER KYDD DIES IN THE STREET Stricken with Heart Disease in Front of

the Fourth Presbyterian Church. James Kydd, 50 years old, of 380 West Thirtyifth street, an elder in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, at Ninety-first street and West End avenue, fell dead of heart disease in front of the church door yesterday afternoon. Elder Kydd had spent an hour in the church and was on his

way home when stricken. A passer by who saw him fall summoned a policeman, who called an ambulance from Manhattan Hospital. Dr. Leewald, who responded. said that Elder Kydd's death had been instantaneous. The hody was taken into the church and later was taken to the house of the dead

HARRY MINER'S FAITH.

The Congressman Receiving Instructions from Pather Kiely.

Brooklyn friends of Miss Annie O'Neill, the actress who is to marry Congressman Harry C. Miner, said last night that if a dispensation could be obtained from Archbishop Corrigan the couple would probably be married in the Church of the Transfiguration, in Hooper street and Marcy avenue, Williamsburgh, by the Rev. John M. Kiely, on Sunday next.

Father Kiely said last night that Congress man Miner had been contemplating for many years becoming a Catholic, and that he (the priest) had been giving him instructions for some time. Miss O'Nelll was a member of Father Kiely's church for many years.

EDWIN WALKER'S BIG FEE.

Allowed to Keep the \$127,000 Bonds He Received from a Railroad. CHICAGO, March 31.-The Appellate Court o-day handed down a decision in the "big fee" case of Edwin Walker, the attorney of this city who prosecuted Debs and others for the Gov

ernment. retain \$127,000 worth of bonds of the Chicago. Danville and Vincennes Railroad Company, which were placed in his hands in retuan for services rendered the road. The complainant was John McMannomy, a creditor of the company, who sought to reach the bonds held by

Mr. Walker. BLIZZARD IN THE NORTHWEST. A Foot of Snow and Blowing Hard in Sev-

eral States. DENVER, March 31 .- This city was in the midst of a blizzard nearly all day. Eight inches of snow fell, accompanied by a high wind, which caused drifts to form, greatly impeding traffic and placing business

Sr. Paul, March 31.-Minnesota exterienced the worst storm in its history to-day and tonight. In sixteen hours it got every kind of weather in the category except a torrid wave. At 6 A. M. it began snowing, and at 10 o'clock it was snowing so fast that one could not see

ten feet. The snow kept coming down until 2 P. M., when there was over a foot of it on the ground. At that hour it began to hall. This kept up a couple of hours when it began again to snow. Lixcots, Neh, March 31.—Telegrams from all over the northern and northwestern part of the State tell of a storm reaching the oroportions of a blizzard which has raged there all day. If it continues any length of time the loss of stock on the ranges will be heavy.

KILLED MRS. MARCH.

A Guest at Her Hotel Shoots Her and

Mortally Wounds Himself. PHILADELPHIA, March 31.-Ira Gibson, aged 25 years, a florist of Woodbury, N. J., who sells the product of his conservatories in this city, to-night shot and killed Mrs. Fannie March, a widow, 32 years of age, at the Farmers' Hotel 160 Annapolis street, of which the woman was the owner. After shooting Mrs. March, Gibson shot himself in the head, and tonight is at the hospital in a dying condition. Gibson made the hotel his headquarters during his visits to this city, and to-night when he

came in was under the influence of liquor. He went to the kitchen, where Mrs. March was went to the kitchen, where Mrs. March was alone. What led to the shooting is known only to the murderer and his victim.

The people in the house heard five pistol shots. Mrs. March ran out into the barroom and fell to the floor. She had been shot four times through the body.

Gilson was found on the floor of the kitchen with a bullet hole in his head. Hoth were hurried to the hospital, where Mrs. March died just as the ambulance reached there. Gibson cannot live until morning.

tion Invited.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 31.-The Standing Committee on Historic Day, consisting of Mrs. F. H. Walworth, Mrs. Donald McLean, Miss Kate Batcheller, and Miss Rhoda Themmson, have invited 1,800 Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution to celebrate July 4 here.
The programme includes a banquet and bail on the evening of July 3. Addresses will be made by well-known men on July 4 in Convention Hall. Religious ceremonies will be held in the hall on the 5th, which will conclude the ceremonies.

J. W. Beatty, Director of the Carnegle Art

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.-The Board of Trustees of the new Carnegle Art Galleries, founded by Andrew Carnegie last November, with an endowment for the purchese of picwith an endowment for the purchese of pic-tures of \$1,000,000, elected Mr. John W. Beatty, lirector of the galleries to-day. Me Beatty, who is a native of Pittsburgh, studied art in Munich with Duveneck and others in the early seventics, and is a painter and etcher of ability.

Comstock Arrests Two Tallors. Frank L. Bennert, a tailor, of 420 East Sixth street, who has been in the employ of G. E.

Stillings, a merchant tailor, of 251 Broadway was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by Anthony Comstock charging him with assisting in a lottery and he was locked up at the Elizabeth street police station. Mr. Stillings was also arrested and taken to the station house, but was sent from there to appear before a United States Commissioner.

ACGUSTA. Ga. March 31. Secretary Hoke Smith and ex-Speaker Crisp debated for three hours on the financial question to-night. The champions of each assert victory.

PRICE TWO CENTS. FRANCE IN FOREIGN PARTS

M. BOURGEOIS EXPLAINS HIS POLE. CY TO THE SENATE.

France Has Not Annexed Madagascar, but She Controls the Queen and Her Foreign Relations - Both Russia and France

Oppose England's Boings in Egypt. PARIS, March 31.-In the Senate to-day M. Bardoux questioned Premier Bourgeois in regard to the recent decline of French influence a China. He also demanded to know why the final treaty between France and Madagascar had not been placed before Parliament, and

Egypt. M. Bourgeols denied that there had been any loss of French influence in China. Madagascar, he said, had not been annexed by France, but the sovereignty of the Queen and the foreign relations of Madagascar were controlled by France.

asked the Government to define the position in

As to Egyptian affairs, M. Bourgeois saids 'The Senate is aware, through the declarations read on March 19 by M. Berthelot, of the view of the Government toward the British ropositions relative to the Soudan expedition. You know, gentlemen, what has been the attitude of our representative on the Egyptian Debs Commission at Cairo.

"The Russian agent has fully shared the French views. Both these representatives have acted in full accord. They said that the Commissi was incompetent to decide a question of such exceptional and political character. Their opinion was not accepted by the Commission, and then they left the meeting, after protesting against the Commission's action.

"I do not need to speak about the legal action that a group of bondholders has instituted against the Egyptian Government and against the Commission. On the other hand, the French views have been brought to the notice of the British Government, and negotiations on the subject are now in progress.
"The Senate will understand that it is not

possible just now to furnish fuller explanations of these negotiations. I beg leave only to give you the assurance of the prudence and firmness with which these negotiations are being conducted by France

"Allow me to add that France, in the rectitude "Allow me to add that France, in the rectitude of her position, has met with the firm accord of Russia, and I may further say that the entente between the two powers was never more complete or more cordial than now.

"I am glad to conclude by making such declarations. I hope they will be received by you in such a manner that the Government will find in your approbation more authority to pursue its foreign policy."

ACTIVE OSMAN DIGNA.

He Is Now Said to Be Marching on Sinkst, Near Sonkin. LONDON, March 31 .- A despatch received here eays that Osman Digna, at the head of a large

force of dervishes, is marching upon Sinkat. The despatch also says that the Soudaness battalion, instead of joining the Dongola expedition, has been ordered to Tokar. Should Osman Digna invest Suakin and Tokar, it would become necessary to reënforce the garrisons at both of those places.

The Chronicle will to-morrow publish a despatch from Cairo saying that, in an interview. Father Rossignoli said that at least 10,000 dervishes are at Dongola. He did not believe the reports that there are diesensions smong the Mahdists. He said be

believed that the reconquest of the Soudan

means a great war. In the House of Commons last week Mr. Curzon said the Government had received information within a few weeks that Osman Digna, with considerable forces, was marching in the direction of Kassala. Sinkat is far northeast of Kassala, about fifty miles inland from the Red Sea, and if the above despatch is correct Osman Digna is justifying his old reputation for turn-

ing up unexpectedly at places far from where he was supposed to be. Sinkat is about sixty miles southeast of Suakin, the important Egyptian port on the Red among extinct volcanoes, and not a few of the merchants of Suakin have country houses there, where they take refuge during the period of

hottest weather.
The little fort of Tokar is about seventy-five miles south of Suakin and twenty-five mi-from the sea. The region around Tokar is garden spot of the Suakin district, and it is ve. important that its occupancy by the dervished should be prevented. The fiver Barks is carried in hundreds of irrigating channels over the plain, and this water supply makes the region the granary of the province. At seed time and at harvest more than 20,000 farm hands find employment in the fields of Tokar.

MATABELE REVOLT.

The Natives Are Well Armed and Likely

to Make Much Trouble. London, March 31. In the House of Com-mons to-day Mr. Joseph Chamberlain read despatches from Cape Town, under date of March 30, saying that the rebellious Matabeles were well armed and were massing in the Ma-toppo Hills. Mr. Chamberlain read also a despatch bearing to-day's date which said that there were plenty of persons in Buluwayo for the defence of that place, but that the supply of

arms was deficient. The Leeds Mercury says the Government will shortly issue orders for two fresh battalions of troops to proceed to South Africa.

The Telegraph will to-morrow say it learns that the patrols all around Buluwayo have been driven in. In some cases with loss. The natives. it adds, are well armed and are good shots.

CAPE TOWN, March 31.—Advices from Buln-

rayo report that isolated fighting with the Matabeles continues, the British being at a great disadvantage in respect of numbers. The despatches say that Major Graham and five despatches say that Major Graham and five others have been killed in these carounters and several men woulded.

Capt. Nicholson, who is in command at Buleways pending the arrival there of Sir Blehard Edward Rowley Martin, who was recently appointed Administrator of the Police in Bechananiand, Matsheleland, and Mashonaiand, has telegraphed to the Government here, underdate of March 30, that the whole Matabele country, outsile of a radius of After giving various delials of the situation, Capt. Nicholson adds; "I am afraid this is big business, and that a strong force will be required to settle the Matoppo district."

district."
The Rhodesia Horse, which was recently disbanded, has been replaced by the Ruluwayo field force, 400 strong. This force will storm the stronghold of the Matabeles in the Matappo

the stronghold of the Matabeles in the Matoppo hills.

King Khama, who rendered efficient aid to the British South Africa Company in its campaling against Lo liengula, has offered an armed escent for the coaches and to keep open communication between linitways and the south. President Kriger has notified Sir Jacobus De Wel, the British Diplomatic Agent at Fractica that he has no objection to British subjects in the Transvasi being recruited for service against the Matabeles.

Capt Nicholson reports from Buluways that his force is sufficiently strong to secure that town, but is not strong enough to send flying columns to many districts concurrently. The natives in the Matoppo hills have large supplies of cattle and grain.

Seven Drowned in Local Floods.

BRISTOL, Tenn., March 31. Further news of the loss of life by the high water in this region was received to-day. A waterspout in Turkey Cove. Va., drawned four children. In Russell county, Va., Charles Holt and child and John Jenkins and two children were drowned.

Ming Ming Against Road Improvements Sino Sino, March 31.-A public meeting of the taxpayers was held in the Town Hall last night to decide whether the village should be bonded in the sum of \$150,000 for road im-provements. The proposition was defeated by a vote of 100 to 90.